

The Gospel – According to Job

I know that my redeemer liveth (Job 19:25)

Colossians 1:23 ...*be* not moved away from the hope of **the gospel**, which ye have heard, *and* which **was preached to every creature which is under heaven...**

Galatians 3:8 And **the scripture**, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, **preached before the gospel unto Abraham...**

Acts 3:20-21 Jesus Christ... was **preached** unto you... by the mouth of **all** his holy prophets **since the world began.**

John 8:56 ...**Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it...**

John 8:58 ...Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.**

Rev 13:8 ...**the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

John 11:26 **...Believest thou this?**

Romans 10:18 Have they not heard? Yes verily... [the gospel (v16)] went ...

- into all the earth...
- unto the ends of the world

John 11:26 **...Believest thou this?**

Romans 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel.

Romans 1:21 but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Hebrews 11:4,5,7,8 By faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice

By faith Enoch pleased God

By faith Noah prepared an ark

By faith Abraham obeyed

Hebrews 11:20-23 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau

By faith Jacob blessed both the sons of Joseph

By faith Joseph gave commandment

By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter

Hebrews 11:31 By faith the harlot Rahab ... received the spies with peace

The gospel includes much that is to be obeyed, but that obedience must be ... the obedience of faith.

James 1:22 ...*be* ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves...

James 2:20 ...wilt thou know... that faith without works is dead?

John 6:29 This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

John 6:37 ...him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

John 6:40 ...every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life...

Believing on/in/upon the Lord Jesus Christ involves one (and only one) "work" – that one work which Jesus said we must do if we are to be born again – which is... believe on him (Jesus Christ)...

Question: [W]hat must I do to be saved? (Acts16:30)

Answer: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31)

Acts 2:21 ...whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 22:16 ...wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Romans 10:13 ...whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joel 2:32 ... whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered.

2 Corinthians 1:10 ... Who delivered us from *so great a death...*

Psalms 86:13 ... thou hast delivered my soul from *the lowest hell.*

Salvation – deliverance from so great a death – from the lowest hell – is a gift offered to every one that believeth on him: to whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord. It is the same today as it has been for all of time. There has been no change since the foundation of the world - since the creation of Adam and Eve.

Genesis 4:25-26 ...Adam...Seth...Enos.....then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

And in the beginning there was a shedding of blood...

Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Genesis 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof.

...which is a figure of the true:

Revelation 13:8 ...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

2 Timothy 1:9 ...Christ Jesus.....before the world began.

Hebrews 10:10 ...the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrewes 10:12 ...one sacrifice for sins for ever...

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself...

Hebrews 13:12 ...that he might sanctify the people with his own blood

Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many...

Revelation 5:9 For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

So finally, let us come to Job...

Job 1:5 And it was so, when the days of their (his sons' and daughters') feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all... Thus he did continually.

Like Abel, who offered a more excellent sacrifice (the shedding of blood, of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof) than Cain (the fruit of the ground – no shedding of blood), so also Job (of his seven thousand sheep, no doubt). And no doubt he did so of his own voluntary will...

Leviticus 1:1 And the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

Leviticus 1:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, *even* of the herd, and of the flock.

Leviticus 1:3 If his offering *be* a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

Isolating the “if-then” that is implicit in this passage...

Leviticus 1:1-3 And the LORD... spake... saying, ...If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ... he shall offer it of his own voluntary will...

Thus Job (being, in God's words, perfect and upright, and one that feareth God and escheweth evil), of his own voluntary will [not grudgingly or of necessity, but cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7)] offered a burnt sacrifice of his

herd, in obedience to the gospel wherein blood was shed as a figure of the true: until the time, and in the knowledge, that the true blood – that of God his redeemer – would be shed [and indeed already was shed by the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world]. Thus Job was saved – not by the blood of bulls and goats (Hebrews 10:4), but by the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed for him.

And, Job no doubt knew and obeyed the gospel which saith that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (He knew of those before the flood, of whom some also knew and obeyed the gospel and called upon the name of the LORD.)...

Job 7:20 I have sinned... (he shall save the humble person – Job 22:29)

Job 7:21 ...why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity?

(Ask, and it shall be given you ... For every one that asketh receiveth – Matthew 7:7-8)

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.

So, of all the holy men of God that spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1:21)... God singles out Job as one of the top three:

Ezekiel 14:13-23

13 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:

14 Though these three men, **Noah, Daniel, and Job**, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

15 If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:

16 *Though these three men were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

17 Or *if* I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:

18 Though **these three men were** in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

19 Or *if* I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:

20 Though **Noah, Daniel, and Job**, were in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

21 For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, *even* concerning all that I have brought upon it.

23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord GOD.

So now... the heart of the gospel... according to Job

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(All that to get back to this)

Job 19:23-27

23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

25 For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:

26 And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed within me.

Job 19:23-27

<p>23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were <u>printed</u> in a book!</p>	<p>For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven (Psalm 119:89) ...written in <u>this book</u>. (Revelation 22:19)</p> <p><u>The book</u> of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1) ... the son of Adam ... the son of God. (Luke 3: 38)</p>
<p>24 That they were graven with an <u>iron pen</u> and lead in <u>the rock for ever!</u></p>	<p>And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of <u>that spiritual Rock</u> that followed them: and <u>that Rock was Christ</u>. (1 Cor 10:4)</p> <p>...in the midst of the throne... stood a Lamb <u>as it had been slain</u> (Rev 5:6) ...</p> <p>...see in his hands the <u>print</u> of the <u>nails</u>... (John 20:25)</p>
<p>25 For I know <i>that</i> my redeemer <u>liveth</u>, and <u>that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth</u>:</p>	<p>Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which <u>liveth</u> and abideth <u>for ever</u>. (1 Peter 1:23)</p> <p>And <u>his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives</u> (Zechariah 14:4)</p>
<p>26 And <i>though</i> after my skin <i>worms</i> destroy <u>this body</u>, yet <u>in my flesh</u> shall I see God:</p> <p>(Job 14:14 If a man <u>die</u>, shall he <u>live again</u>? all the days of my appointed time will I <u>wait</u>, till my <u>change</u> come.)</p>	<p>...<u>waiting</u> for the adoption, <i>to wit</i>, the <u>redemption</u> of our <u>body</u>. (Romans 8:23)</p> <p>In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be <u>changed</u>. (1 Cor 15:52)</p>
<p>27 Whom I shall see <u>for myself</u>, and <u>mine eyes</u> shall behold, and <u>not another</u>; <i>though</i> my reins be consumed within me.</p>	<p>For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal <i>must</i> put on immortality. (1 Cor 15:53)</p> <p>Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me <u>at that day</u>: and not to me only, but unto <u>all</u> them also that <u>love his appearing</u>. (2 Tim 4:8)</p>